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DRAFTING FIRMS AND SPECIFICATION WRITERS

As Computer Aided Design (CAD) and drafting play an ever expanding role in our professions, questions arise as to the relationship of these systems to the requirements of the registration law. Among these questions is that of the role of businesses providing drafting services to professional offices. These drafting/CAD services are either by traditional manual methods or by the use of CAD equipment. At the July 31, 1987, meeting, the Board stated the following policy in this regard:

1. The drawings prepared by the drafting service are to be taken from complete information provided by the registrant whose seal will appear on the drawings.
2. The drafting or CAD firm's preparation shall not consist of any original or design work whatsoever produced by that drafting firm, including decisions for use of previously drawn or stored work. The registrant shall retain documented evidence to prove the source of such original or design work is that of the registrant.

This policy also applies to specification writers.

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